

In the claims:

Claims 1-10 cancelled.

11. (currently amended) A wiper blade for windows, in particular of motor vehicles, comprising:

a long, rubber-elastic wiper strip (14) that can be placed against the window (22), wherein said wiper strip is situated parallel to a longitudinal axis on a long, spring-elastic carrier element (12) to which a component (16) belonging to a device for attaching the wiper blade (10) to a driven wiper arm (18) is directly connected,

wherein the carrier element (12) has springs (28, 30) designed in the shape of a strap having top and bottom surfaces and lying in front of the window (22) in a plane that is substantially parallel to the window, wherein the bottom surfaces of the straps (13) of which face the window,

wherein inner, adjacent longitudinal edges (32) of the springs situated at a distance from each other plunge individually into longitudinal grooves (54, 56) assigned to each longitudinal edge and open toward the longitudinal side of the wiper strip, and are connected to each other by way of at least two transverse ribs (37) situated in the longitudinal direction with distance between them,

wherein at least one transverse rib (36) has a center section (42) that extends at a distance from the top strap surfaces (11) of the springs (28, 30) so that at least one bridge-like transverse rib results, whereby the distance (34) between the two springs in particular is less than a bridge width (46), and

wherein means of attachment (74, 76, 78 and 174, 175, 176, 177, 178) for securing the wiper strip to the carrier element in the longitudinal direction are disposed as one-piece on one of the transverse ribs,

wherein the means of attaching are situated on a transverse rib (36) located in the region of one end section of the two springs (28, 30), and

wherein the means of attachment comprise an extension (74 and 174) designed in the shape of a tongue that extends from the center section (42) of one transverse rib (36) to the other end section of the two springs.

12. (Previously presented) The wiper blade according to Claim 11, wherein the means of attachment (74, 76, 78 and 174, 175, 176, 177, 178) can be brought into their securing position after the wiper strip (14) is positioned on the carrier element (12).

Claims 13-15 cancelled.

16. (currently amended) The wiper blade according to Claim 4511, wherein the extension (74 and 174) designed in the shape of a tongue grips a cover strip (62) of the wiper strip (14) with fixing means (78 and 177, 178) located above the two longitudinal grooves (54, 56) as well as above the top strap surfaces (11) of the springs (28, 30).

17. (currently amended) The wiper blade according to Claim 4511, wherein the extension designed in the shape of a tongue has at least one projection pointing toward the cover strip (62) of the wiper strip (14) as a fixing means.

18. (Previously presented) The wiper blade according to Claim 17, wherein the projection (76) is designed in the shape of a bezel on its free end.

19. (Previously presented) The wiper blade according to Claim 17, wherein multiple projections (175, 176) pointing toward the cover strip (62) are situated on the extension (174) designed in the shape of a tongue as fixing means.

20. (currently amended) The wiper ~~Wiper~~-blade according to Claim 4511, wherein the transverse ribs (36) as well as the extension (74 and 174) designed in the shape of a tongue and connected with one of the transverse ribs as a single part are made out of metal.